MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR Eligible: yes DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

no X

operty Name: Milltown Landing Tenant House	Inventory Number: PG:87A-20b
Address: 17605 Milltown Landing Road	Historic district: yes X no
City: Aquasco, MD Zip Code:	County: Prince Georges
USGS Quadrangle(s): Lower Marlboro	
Property Owner: Maryland Department of Natural Resources	Tax Account ID Number:
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): Tax Map Number	т:
Project: SHA Tree Planting 2010 Milltown Landing Planting Site Agency	: SHA/DNR
Agency Prepared By: MD SHA	
Preparer's Name: Anne E. Bruder Architectural Historian	Date Prepared: 11/05/2010
Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance files	8
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended	X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B	C _ D _ E _ F _ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource	to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property:	
Inventory Number: Eligible: yes	Listed: yes
e visit by MHT Staff yes X no Name:	Date:
Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo) The Milltown Landing Tenant House and Barns were inventoried by the Prince Geometric Commission in 1989. At that time the property was not in use and was becoming of Department of Natural Resources used the property for wildlife management and he The 1989 MIHP form describes the Milltown Landing Tenant house as a modest for tobacco barn which formed the core of a 264 acre tobacco farm. All of these building maintenance and regular human occupation. Although these are examples of a port they have lost integrity of materials, workmanship, design, setting and association at tobacco farming to wildlife management. Research conducted did not identify ever significance and the Milltown Landing Tenant House is not eligible for inclusion in (NHRP) under Criteria A (events) or B (persons). There are better examples of intin Prince George's County and the Milltown Landing Tenant House is not eligible Criterion D was not included in this assessment.	vergrown by trees and shrubs as the Maryland unting purposes. ame dwelling, along with a bank barn and a sings are in a ruinous state due to lack of tion of an early twentieth century farmstead, as the purpose of the property changed from ints or persons of local, state or national at the National Register of Historic Places tact tenant houses and tobacco barns elsewhere
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended Criteria: A B C D Considerations; A MHT Comments: Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	B C D E F G 1/6/2011 Date
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NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

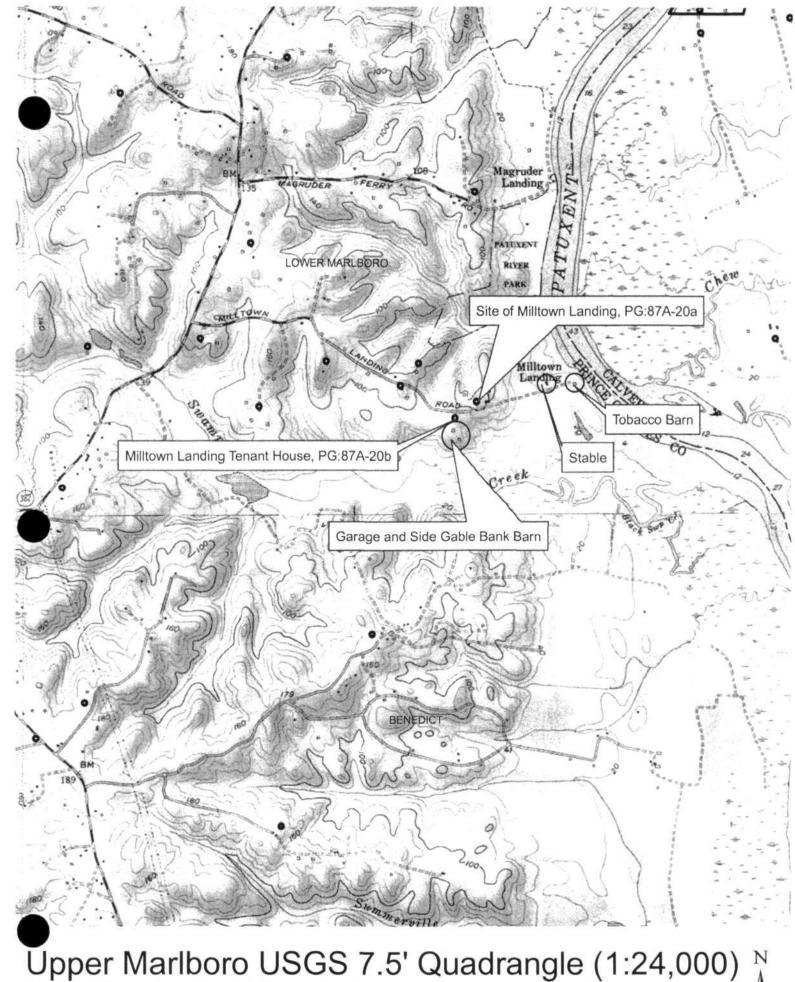
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Milltown Landing Tenant House

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The boundary of the property is within the larger Merkle Wildlife Management Area and is approximately 1 acre surrounding the tanding structures.

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Site of Milltown Landing & Milltown Landing Tenant House Location Map

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Maryland State Highway Administration **Cultural Resources Section** Photo Log

Project No.:

AW628A21

Project Name:

SHA Tree Planting 2010 - Milltown Landing Planting Site

MIHP No.:

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MIHP Name:

Site of Milltown Landing

County:

Prince George's

Photographer:

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #87A-20b Building Date: ca. 1906

Building Name: Milltown Landing Tenant House

Location: 17605 Milltown Landing Road, Aquasco, Maryland

Public/Residential/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description

The Milltown Landing tenant house is a modest frame dwelling, covered with stucco. It fronts on Milltown Landing Road approximately one mile west of the Patuxent River, and is the principal feature in a complex of farm buildings on the south side of the road. The house is front-gabled and two stories high, an irregular three bays by three. The wall surfaces are covered with tan stucco, and the upper gable ends are sided with rectangular lapped shingles of a slightly darker color. Entrance is in the third bay of the three-bay north gable front, through a panelled door. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash; they have plain board surrounds with outer bead. The tan pebble-filled stucco, applied on metal mesh over the board siding, is flush with the window surrounds, and was not an original feature. South of the tenant house is a large side-gabled bank barn, with board-and-batten siding and wood-shingled roof. Farther south, on the other side of a cornfield is a large side-gabled tobacco barn, with vertical board siding, wood shingle roof and two louvered, gabled cupolas set symmetrically along the ridge.

Significance:

The Milltown Landing Tenant House is a modest frame dwelling, part of a large sprawling complex of farm buildings on both sides of the old road to Milltown Landing on the Patuxent River. The house and its immediate outbuildings were built early in the twentieth century, possibly by John R. Tayman, a farmer who did custom threshing for the neighboring farmers. This area was once part of a river port complex. In 1906, John R. Tayman purchased 310 acres of land near the landing; it is possible that the subject house is the dwelling which Tayman built for his family at that time. In 1913, Tayman sold the 310-acre farm to Harry B. Leary, and the subject dwelling became the dwelling of a tenant farmer. In 1982, most of the acreage was sold to the State of Maryland for the use of the Department of Natural Resources. The tenant house has been vacant since that time, and is in deteriorating condition, but the immediate farm buildings are still in use. The house itself is a good example of an early twentieth-century vernacular dwelling, and is part of an important landmark in a beautiful natural setting.

Acreage: 264.44 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Name (indicate pref	erred name)		
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and/or common			
2. Location			
street & number 17605 Milltown	Landing Road		not for publication
city, town Aquasco	Milltown vicinity of	congressional district	4
state Maryland	county	Prince George's	*
3. Classification			
Category Ownership district	Status occupiedX unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestrictedX no	Present Use X agriculture commercial educational entertainment X government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation X other: Open Spa
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name State of Maryland			
street & number		telephone no	.:
city, town Annapolis	state	and zip code Mar	yland 21404
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street & number Main Street			folio 873
city, town Upper Marlboro		state	Maryland 20772
6. Representation in	n Existing	Historical Surve	eys
title None			
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depository for survey records			,
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7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Milltown Landing tenant house is a modest frame dwelling, covered with stucco. It fronts on Milltown Landing Road approximately one mile west of the Patuxent River, and is the principal feature in a complex of farm buildings on the south side of the road.

The tenant house is front-gabled and two stories high, an irregular three bays by three. The wall surfaces are covered with tan stucco, and the upper gable ends are sided with rectangular lapped shingles of a slightly darker color. Entrance is in the third bay of the three-bay north gable front, through a panelled door. This north gable front is sheltered by a one-story shed-roof porch in ruinous condition.

Windows are 6/6 double hung sash; they have plain board surrounds with outer bead. (There are no window openings in the west elevation.) There is one area where the original board siding is visible behind the stucco; the tan pebble-filled stucco, applied on metal mesh over the board siding, is flush with the window surrounds, indicating that the stucco covering was not an original feature.

The gable roof is covered with red corrugated metal. Two interior stove chimneys rise from the east plane of the roof. The cornices are boxed with crown molding, and are returned at both gable ends; there are no windows in the upper gables.

The south (rear) gable end is two bays wide, with entrance in the first (west) bay through a panelled door with upper glazing. There was once a one-story porch across the south gable end; marks in the stucco between first and second stories indicate the locations of the rafters which supported its shed roof.

Attached to the southmost part of the west elevation is a small onestory hip-roof pantry addition; one bay square, it has a window only in its west elevation. Like the main block, the pantry addition is coated with tan stucco; its hip roof, however, is covered with asphalt shingle. The entire structure rests on a poured concrete foundation; there is no basement.

Interior plan of the house consists of a side stairhall on the west, beside which are two connecting parlors; to the south, behind these three spaces, is a kitchen space which opens, on the west, into the small pantry addition. The main north entrance leads into a narrow stairhall. The single-run closed-string stair rises along the west wall of the stairhall; it has a plain square newel with square, flat, molded cap and plain

Description (continued)

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rectangular balusters. The plain wide outer string is stained and varnished, and has a lower molding. The spandrel beneath it is plastered and there is a closet beneath the stair. A plain railing bounds the stairwell in the second story hall.

There is a stove pipe in the shared wall between the two parlors. Surrounds of doors and windows are of plain board, stained and varnished. Floors are of medium-width board, and baseboards are high with crown molding. The metal knobs and lock plates have egg and dart moldings.

The tenant house fronts on Milltown Landing Road and there are cornfields on west, south and north. To the east of the house is a level lawn with several large trees. The unpaved lane runs south from Milltown Landing Road, to the east of the house, then bends westward behind (south of) the house and leads southward to the farm buildings. Across the lane, south of the house, is a two-bay shed-roof garage with vertical board siding. To the west, also fronting on this farm lane is a three-part shed; it is front-gabled, with a shed-roof storage shed on each side. It has vertical board siding and wood shingle roof, and rests on concrete piers.

The farm lane continues south and then bends back to the east around a large side-gabled bank barn. This barn has board-and-batten siding and wood-shingled roof; there is a wide central entrance into the upper level in the north elevation, and two entrances into the lower level from the south. This barn, used for storage of hay, is built into a slope, and the high south foundation is constructed of concrete block.

Farther south, on the other side of a cornfield is a large side-gabled tobacco barn. It has vertical board siding, and a wood shingle roof with two louvered, gabled cupolas set symmetrically along the ridge. The barn is constructed of all new materials, and rests on a concrete sill. Its interior is divided into three aisles by two longitudinal rows of posts, each post resting on a concrete base.

The area around these farm buildings is principally devoted to the growing of corn. To the south is a wooded area. Farther south and east is swampland, bordering on the Black Swamp Creek at its confluence with the Patuxent River.

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The Milltown Landing Tenant House is a modest frame dwelling which stands on a large tract of farmland of which approximately 40% is swampland. It is part of a large sprawling complex of farm buildings on both sides of the old road to Milltown Landing on the Patuxent River. The house and its immediate outbuildings were built early in the twentieth century, possibly by John R. Tayman, a farmer who did custom threshing for the neighboring farmers. This area, once part of a river port complex, is now quiet and remote, accessible only by Milltown Landing Road.

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Milltown was established by the Act of 1706, as one of the six port towns of Prince George's County.1 It was situated on land belonging to William Mills near the point where Black Swamp Creek flows into the Patuxent River. Milltown apparently never developed into a thriving port town in the way that the other five did. Forty years later, when the other towns were established as tobacco inspection stations, Milltown was not; in its place, at the request of the local populace, Hannah Brown's Landing (Magruder's Landing), approximately a mile up the river, became the tobacco inspection station for that area.2 Milltown Landing remained a quiet and undeveloped agricultural area.

Late in the nineteenth century the land at Milltown Landing was being farmed by the Wilson, Connick and Rawlings families, and the Wilsons operated a store near the landing itself.3 In 1906, John R. Tayman purchased 310 acres of land near the landing. Tayman had come to the Milltown area from Pennsylvania; soon after his arrival he built a house for his family, and operated a custom-threshing business for neighboring farmers.4 It is possible that the subject house, which, although modest has handsome trim, is the dwelling which Tayman had built for his family at that time.

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The Tayman family remained at Milltown for only eight years. After his three sons, who had assisted him in his threshing business, grew up, married, and moved away, Tayman sold the Milltown farm and hired a local carpenter (named Gates) to build a house for him in the village of Brandywine.5 The 310-acre property at Milltown was purchased in 1913 by Harry B. Leary, who built a new residence in 1916, and several new stables and barns (See PG#87A-20a). The subject dwelling became the dwelling of a tenant farmer.6

The Milltown Landing farm passed out of the Leary family in 1955,7 but has continued as a working farm. In 1982, most of the acreage was sold to the State of Maryland for the use of the Department of Natural Resources.8 The tenant house has been vacant since that time, and is in deteriorating condition, but the immediate farm buildings are still in use. The house itself is a good example of an early twentieth-century vernacular dwelling, and is part of an important landmark in a beautiful natural setting.

Notes

- The others were Charles Town, Queen Anne, Marlborough, Nottingham and Aire (Broad Creek); Archives of Maryland XXVI, 636 636.
- 2. L. J. Hienton, Prince George's Heritage, page 133.
- 3. G. M. Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878
- 4. Telephone interviews with Margaret Tayman Davis and William P. Tayman, May 1989
- 5. ibid.; Prince George's County Deed #80:553.
- 6. Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1912-1915, 1916-1919
- 7. Prince George's County Deed #1812:468
- 8. Prince George's County Deed #5516:873.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Chain of Title Cf. Notes, Item #8

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CHAIN OF TITLE

Milltown Landing Tenant House

P.G. #87A-20 b

#5516:873 25 Mar 1982 Deed For \$733,875.27, Donald L. and Betty D. Peed to State of Maryland to the use of the Department of Natural Resources; 264.44222 acres in Aquasco District; same land as described in #175:46 and #30:393; same which grantors acquired by #3918:445.

#3918:445 19 Feb 1971 Deed Lake E. and Rosie Bell Ransom to Donald L. and Betty D. Peed; 310 acres known as Milltown described in #80:553 and 59 acres as conveyed by #175:46; same property described in #804:62; same which grantors acquired by #1812:468.

#1812:468 6 Jan 1955 Deed Harry Burton Leary, Jr., to Lake E. and Rosie Bell Ransom, as tenants by the entirety; Parcel I - 59 acres as described in #175:46 and Parcel II - 310 acres known as Milltown described in #80:553; same which grantor acquired by #804:62.

#804:62 30 Jan 1946 Deed Helen K. Winfield, unmarried, to Harry Burton Leary, Jr.; 59 acres described in #175:46 and 310 acres as recorded #80:553, both parcels comprising Milltown Farm; same grantor acquired by deed recorded immediately prior hereto.

#804:61 26 Dec 1945 Deed

Harry Burton Leary, Jr., and Helen Leary Small to Helen K. Winfield; 59 acres as described in #175:46 and 310 acres described in #80:553, both parcels comprising Milltown Farm; same property devised by the will of Harry Burton Leary, Sr., to his four children; Whitney Leary died 10 Apr 1943 and Richard C. Leary died 24 Jan 1941, leaving the grantors as survivors.

WTD #6:427 8 Apr 1941 Will

Estate of Harry Burton Leary, Sr., of Montgomery County; Deceased devised his Milltown Farm (two tracts combined into one) to his four children, Harry B. Leary, Jr., Helen L. Small, Whitney Leary and Richard C. Leary, with the last survivor to receive title in fee simple; power granted for at least two survivors to convey the land at their discretion.

#175:46 20 Jan 1922 Deed George A. and Elizabeth Goldsmith to Harry B. Leary; 59 acres in Aquasco District; confirmatory deed to establish boundaries of land conveyed by grantors to grantee and recorded #169:366.

#169:366 10 Feb 1921 Deed For \$800, George A. and Elizabeth Goldsmith to Harry B. Leary; uncertain acreage in Aquasco District, subject to survey and a deed of confirmation; part of the land which grantors acquired by #31:461.

#80:553 15 Dec 1913 Deed John R. and Ella Tayman to Harry B. Leary; 310 acres in Aquasco District known as Milltown; same land devised in will recorded WAJJr #1:446; same which grantors acquired by #30:393.

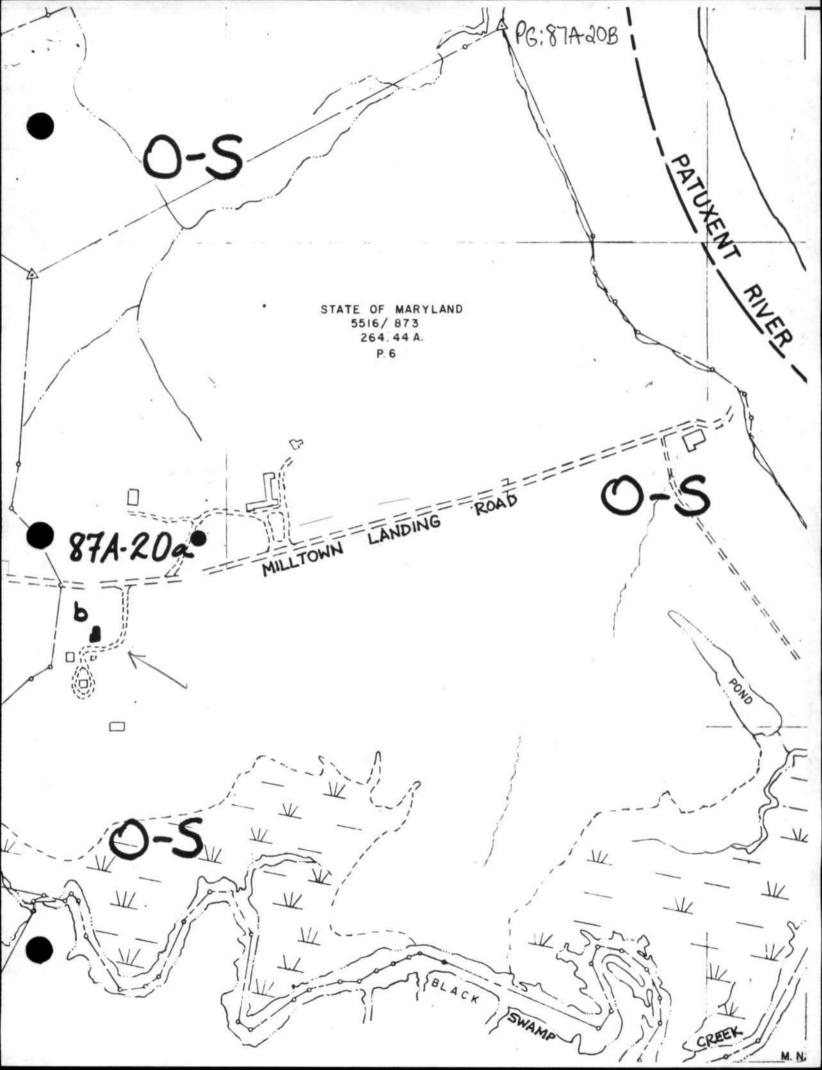
#31:461 25 Mar 1907 Deed For \$2,800, Sigel and Frances M. Brown to George A. Goldsmith; 321.86 acres along Patuxent River as surveyed 8 Feb 1906 by Henry Croker; same which grantors acquired by #34:66.

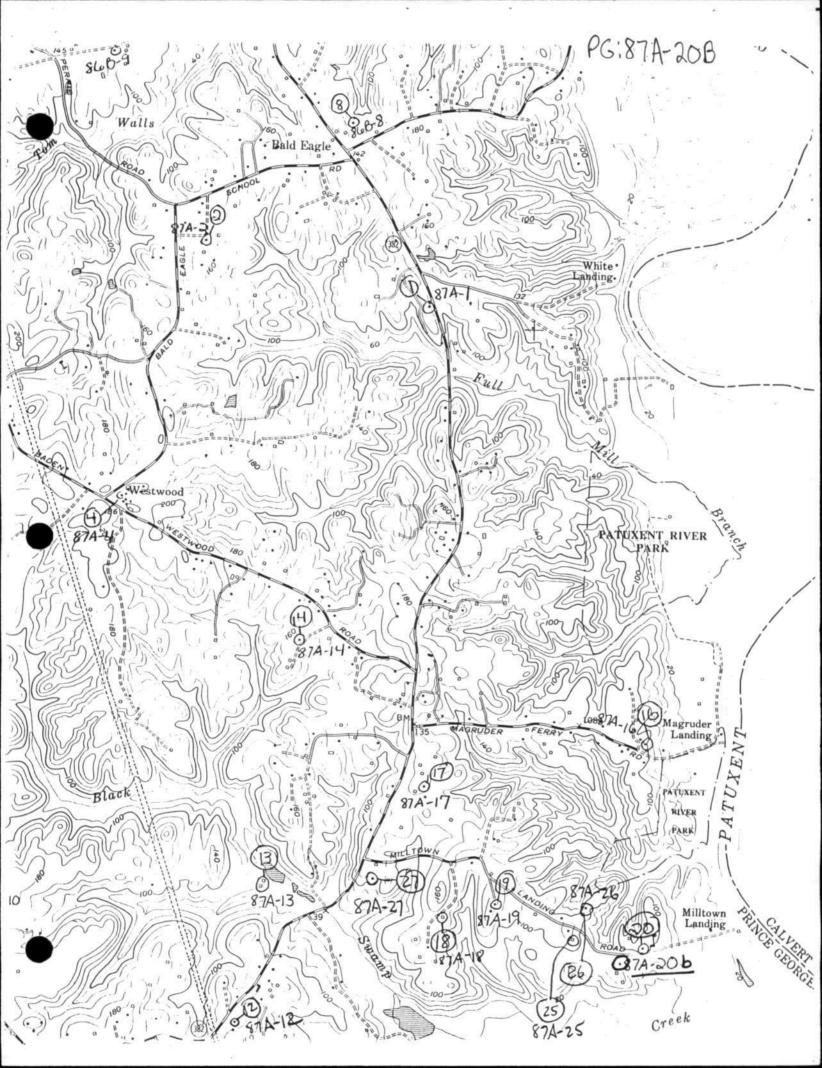
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%: 66 Feb 1906 Deed For \$3,500, Catholic University of America to Sigel Brown; 321.86 acres as surveyed 8 Feb 1906; same which grantor acquired by will of Margaret H. Gardiner of Baltimore.

#30:393 10 May 1906 Deed For \$2,000, A. Virginia Pfeiffer and George B. and Florence H. Pfeiffer to John R. Tayman; 310 acres known as Milltown; same which A. Virginia Pfeiffer took under will recorded WAJJr#1: 446.

WAJJr #1:446 26 Jun 1886 Will Estate of Henry Hamilton Pfeiffer; deceased devised his entire estate to his wife, A. Virginia Pfeiffer, with the wish that she bequeath "the property left" to their child or children.







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Milltown Landing Tenant House Prince George's Co., Mid Susan G. Pearl August 1988 Bank Hales morth elevation Neg: Md. Hist. Trust Annapolis, Md.

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P.G. #87A-206 Milltown Landing Tenant House Prince Deorge's Co., Md. Susan D. Pearl august 1988 Tobacco barn, north elevation Meg: Md. Hist Trust Annapolis, Md.

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